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Local scouts participate in Scout Sunday Mass

St Thomas Church recently held their annual Scout Sunday Mass to celebrate the "birth" of both the Boy and Girl Scouting programs. Cub Scout Pack 136 and Troop BAA Troop 136 provided refreshments including a "birthday" cake as part of the celebration. Pictured are (l-r, back row) Scoutmaster John Wallace, Unit Commissioner Dan Bettencourt, Committee Chair Robin Theodos, Eagle Scout Advisor Frank West, Jr., Bear Den Leader Karen West, Tiger Den Leader Frank West, (front row) Bear Scout MJ Dorothy, Lion Scout Joey Mahlo, and Bear Scout Molly Brooks. If anyone is interested in scouting contact Frank West at 978-658-1754 or email Troop136wilm@aol.com. (Courtesy photo)

Town election gains two more potential candidates

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Two more candidates for the Wilmington town election pulled papers as of this week. David Ragsdale pulled re-election papers for the School Committee, and Lilia Maselli pulled papers for the Select Board. They join candidates Charles R. Fiore Jr. and Johnathan Eaton, who have pulled papers for the

Shawsheen Tech School Committee and Moderator, respectively. All four of the candidates are incumbents seeking re-election to their respective seats. Candidates must return papers with 50 signatures before being put on the ballot. No candidate has returned papers as of yet. Wilmington is currently scheduled to have their town election vote on April 27, with voting open

from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2024 is a big election year for both Wilmington and the country as a whole. As the presidential election for the country happens this year, as well as the state primary this fall. March 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 pm will be the presidential primary. The state primary is on Sept. 3, from 7 - 8 pm. And finally, the presidential election vote will be held on Nov. 5, with

voting open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voting will take place at the Boutwell School, Wilmington High School, and Town Hall. Voters will cast their ballots based on precinct. Precincts one and two will vote at the Boutwell School, three and four will vote at WHS, and five and six will vote at Town Hall. Those who need to vote by mail or complete an absentee ballot need to have their ballot in the Clerk's

office by 8 p.m. on election day. Applications for absentee ballots and vote by mail are available at the www.wilmingtonma.gov website, and can be emailed to the town clerk. Those who need to register to vote must do so by April 17 in order to vote in the annual town election. Elizabeth Lawrenson, Town Clerk, is also looking for election workers for the upcoming year. The opportunity is paid, and resi-

dents are encouraged to reach out to her if interested via emailing town-clerk@wilmingtonma.gov or calling 978-658-2030. Those interested in running for public office, in working the elections, or who have questions on their voting registration or precinct are able to find the above information and more on the www.wilmingtonma.gov website, or reach out to Town Clerk Elizabeth Lawrenson.

Planning Board reviews new projects and gives multi-family zoning updates

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Planning Board concluded a few public hearings and began new hearings for projects on Ballardvale Street and Fordham Road at their meeting on Tuesday night, later receiving updates on construction projects and the proposed multi-family zoning district. The respective definitive subdivisions and stormwater management permits for Birch Street and Eagleview Drive off Marion Street were continued to the next meeting at the requests of the applicants. The public hearing was

closed and decisions accepted for the site plan review, stormwater management permit, and ground water protection district special permit for 208 Main St. The representatives of the applicant requested the ability to do demolition before receiving MassDOT approval and the ability to modify the light fixtures, and changes were made in the decisions that were approved. Regarding the 708R Woburn Street conservation subdivision special permit, Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich discussed some of the concerns from the town engineer, and Chair Terence Boland suggested they increase the width of the sidewalks. This project's public hearing was continued to the next meeting. The site plan review for 773 Salem St. was also continued to March, though brief discussion was held during the meeting. A new hearing began for 181 and 187 Ballardvale St.

pertaining to a site plan review, stormwater management permit, and ground water protection district special permit. This project's representatives explained they were proposing to combine these two lots into one and build a third building (each lot currently has one building each) at the rear of the combined lot. The new building would be used for office space, research and development, and light manufacturing, which the existing buildings would also be converted into. The existing utilities would be extended to the new building. They detailed the proposed changes already, where they would use compact spaces to meet setback requirements. They also said that they would include robust landscaping but wanted to meet market demands and avoid meeting the town's landscaping requirement. Other changes to the property would include

reducing the width of the entrances to make room for landscaping and stormwater updates including water quality treatment. The traffic engineer at the project suggested the additional traffic to the intersection at 125 and Ballardvale St. would be inconsequential compared to overall traffic. The applicants would initiate traffic and sewer connection peer reviews. Boland replied saying that the waiver for landscaping was new to the board, and he preferred they make the required changes instead. The board would review updates to the project in March. A site plan review and stormwater management permit public hearing also began that night for 99 Fordham Road. The project's proponents said its purpose was to keep cost down and reduce peak charges for RMLD by installing battery surge cabinets. The proposed location was in the back of the

parking lot at the Shriener's Auditorium. They also said they would have an independent hazard mitigation analysis conducted at the request of the fire department. Boland asked what equipment would be installed exactly, and the answer included a breaker, a meter, transformers, and other safety equipment. Peter Moser asked about the type of batteries that would be installed, to which they answered they would be lithium ion batteries. Residents in the audience asked about the type of energy that would be stored. Rich O'Connell clarified that the energy would come from solar and all other electricity from the grid. They also asked about the duration of the project, which they said would hopefully be completed by the end of 2024. One resident shared concern for the batteries blowing up. The representa-

tives explained that the cabinets are liquid cooled and include fire suppression systems. In addition, the batteries are made of paste, and not liquid, so they can't leak. Mark Begley shared a story of an energy center in California that burned for hours after a malfunction with this type of battery. He suggested the proposed installation wouldn't work in this location due to surrounding heavy woods and nearby houses with little emergency access. "It's frankly irresponsible and inconsiderate to the homeowners that would suffer greatly from the loss of their homes," he said. He later added there is no commercially viable way to recycle these batteries. The public hearing for this project would continue at the next meeting. As a construction update, Jim Castellano shared

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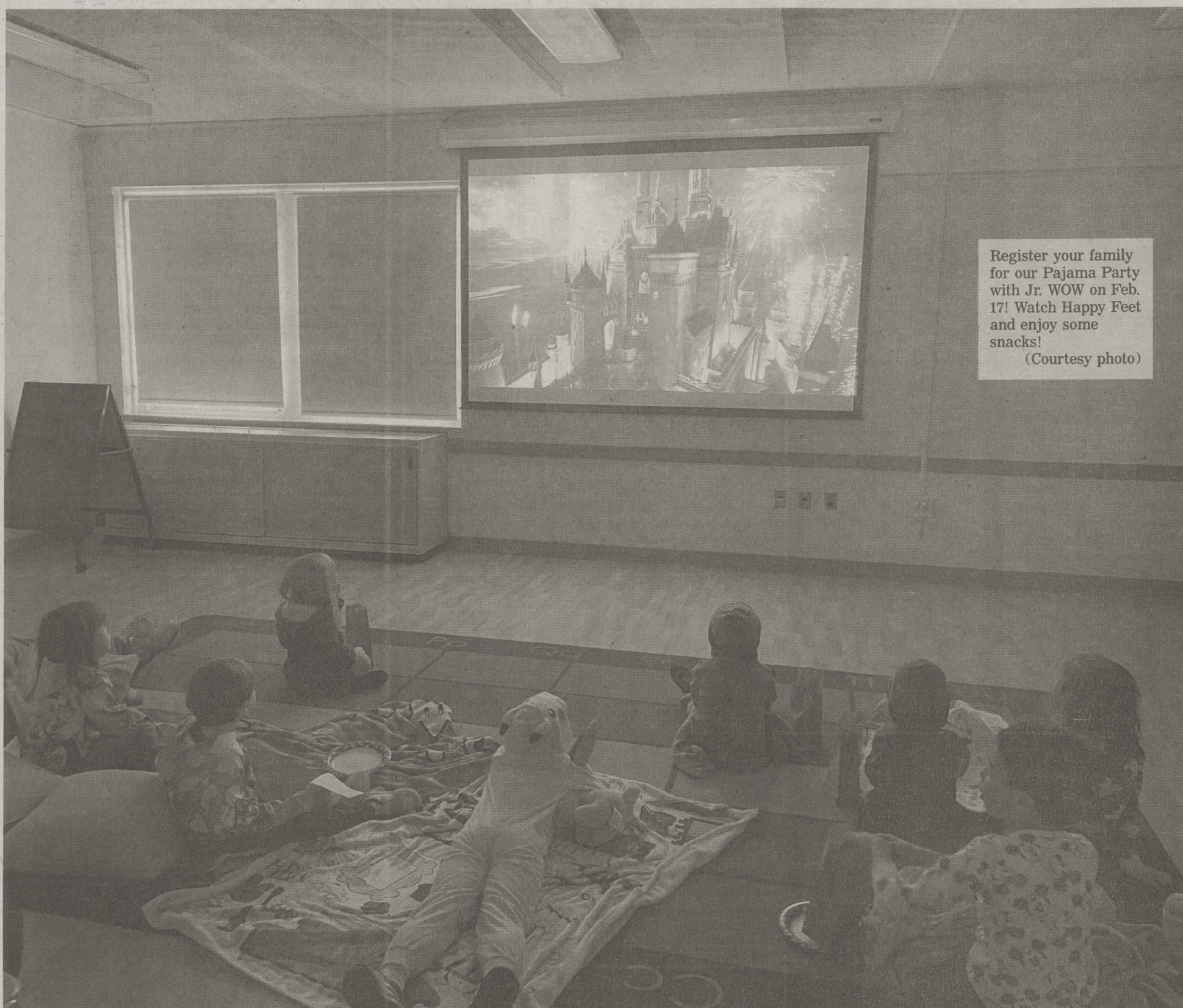
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Register your family for our Pajama Party with Jr. WOW on Feb. 17! Watch Happy Feet and enjoy some snacks!
(Courtesy photo)

Wilmington Library News:

Pajama party and movie with Jr. WOW on Saturday, Feb. 17

BIG NEWS! Wilmington Memorial Library now has an app! With the Wilm Library app, you can scan books while on-the-go and find them at your library, read eBooks & magazines, and even manage multiple cards all within the app! Head to WilmLibrary.org/app for more info or search "WilmLibrary" to download it today!

Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle

craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the library.

VIRTUAL Black Girl Love: Indie Romance Writers Panel
with Alexandria House, Katrina Jackson and Ines Johnson
Monday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Join us for a chat with independently published romance authors Alexandria House, Katrina Jackson, and Ines Johnson! As an all Black panel, we'll be talking about their

journey to being self-published, the romance community, their books, and the rise of indie publishing in the last few years. And, just in time for V-Day — it's perfect!

Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 12 p.m.
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! February's featured cookbook is My Vermont Table by Gesine Bullock-Prado.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Craft and Chat

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All craft supplies provided. February's featured craft is Wool Felted Gnomes.

One Night in Miami

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2:30 p.m.
Join us for a screening of Regina King's award-winning film "One Night in Miami". The film is a

fictionalized account of a meeting on February 25, 1964 between Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown, and Sam Cooke in a room at the Hampton House, celebrating Ali's surprise title win over Sonny Liston.

Novel Ideas

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. February's featured book is The House of Eve by Sadeqa Johnson.

Needleworkers

Friday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

VIRTUAL Poetry Circle

Saturday, Feb. 17, 9:15 a.m.
Do you enjoy writing poetry? Want input on your work? If so, this group is for you. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup
Monday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource

Network is here weekly! Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6

Lil Bookworms Book Club

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m.
A book club for students in Kindergarten through Grade 2, featuring books, reading comprehension, and an activity! Grades K-2

Watercolor Printmaking (for Teens and Adults!)

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.
Teens, bring your adults & adults, bring your teens to this crafting program where we will make watercolor-style prints with inspirational quotes (of your choosing)! Teens and adults

Kids Drop-in Valentine's Day Craft
Wednesday, Feb. 14, All Day
Stop by the library on Valentine's day to create some crafts with hearts while supplies last! For children

Tween Drop-in Valentine's Day Craft
Wednesday, Feb. 14, All Day
Drop in to the Teen Room to make yarn wrapped hearts! Grades 4-12

Manga Tryouts
Thursday, Feb. 15, 3:30 p.m.
Have a say in manga purchased for the teen collection with this new club! During each meeting, we'll sample 1st volumes of different manga, and vote on whether it should be added to WML's collection. Grades 6-12

Switch it Up! Video Game Club
Friday, Feb. 16, 3:45 p.m.
Love video games? Love Nintendo Switch? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play your favorite Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

Pajama Party and Movie with JR. WOW

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m.
Join Jr. Wow in your comfiest pjs for another fun event! Watch Happy Feet and enjoy snacks! Families

Teen D&D

Saturday, Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? This month's session will be IN PERSON at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. We use DnDBeyond to track and create our characters. Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours

The Book Store Next Door will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be closed on Wednesdays in January and February. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

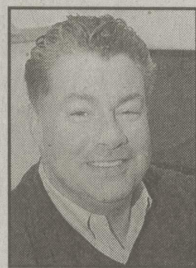
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmingtonlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



Businesses must electronically file Form 8300, Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000, beginning January 1, 2024

— PART II —

Waivers: A business may file a request for a waiver from electronically filing information returns, including Form 8300, due to undue hardship. For more information, businesses can refer to Form 8508, Application for a Waiver from Electronic Filing of Information Returns. If the IRS grants a waiver from e-filing any information returns, that waiver automatically applies to all Forms 8300 for the duration of the calendar year. A business may not request a waiver from filing only Forms 8300 electronically.

The business must include the word "Waiver" on the center top of each Form 8300 when submitting a paper filed return. If a business is required to file fewer than 10 information returns, other than Forms 8300, during the calendar year, the business may file Forms 8300 in paper form without requesting a waiver. If a business files less than 10 information returns, it can still choose to e-file the Forms 8300 electronically if it chooses to do so.

Exemptions: If using the technology required to e-file conflicts with a filer's religious beliefs, they are automatically exempt from filing Form 8300 electronically. The filer must include the words "RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION" on the center top of each Form 8300 (page 1) when submitting the paper filed return.

Late Returns: A business must self-identify late returns. A business must file a late Form 8300 in the same way as a timely filed Form 8300, either electronically or on paper. A business filing a late Form 8300 electronically must include the word "LATE" in the comments section of the return. A business filing a late Form 8300 on paper must write "LATE" on the center top of each Form 8300.

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Lifestyle

Enjoy music and love this Valentine's Day

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

As Valentine's Day quickly approaches the Boston area, one may discover that love is not the only thing in the air during this romantic season.

This year, music is most definitely in the air as there are several musical events to attend in and around Boston that are celebrating the season of love.

Boston Harbor famously boasts a breathtaking and romantic view of the Boston skyline. Mix this view with champagne and soothing jazz music, and you will have all the makings for a successful Valentine's date.

This Valentine season Boston Harbor Cruise is offering just such an experience at their Romantic Valentine's Jazz and Champagne Tasting Cruise.

Sample several different champagnes while enjoying chocolate covered strawberries and live jazz music.

The Jazz and Champagne cruise is offered Feb. 9, 10, and 14. Tickets for this one and a half hour cruise tend to sell out quickly, so be sure to check online for

ticket availability at www.fareharbor.com.

For that special rock and roll fan in your life, The Verb Hotel, located at 1271 Boylston St. in Boston is offering a "Lovers Rock" package for a romantic overnight stay sure to impress any die-hard music fan.

The Verb Hotel offers a true rock and roll experience as guest rooms are decorated in different rock and roll themes with museum quality memorabilia displayed throughout the hotel.

Turntables are readily available for guests to enjoy the thousands of vinyl records that are on hand in their record library.

Guests are also welcome to act like true celebrities and wear their complementary-provided, zebra-print robes and take a dip in the heated, outdoor pool.

The Valentine's package includes champagne for two, artisan chocolates, and pre-selected Valentine lovesong vinyl records to listen to during your stay.

For reservation availability, visit www.theverbhotel.com.

tel.com.

If you're looking for a more classical music serenade for your Valentine, then a visit to the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum may provide some Valentine music to your ears.

This museum is not only the home of some of the finest works of art in the world, but is also the home of the Boston Chamber Orchestra known as "A Far Cry."

On Feb. 15, A Far Cry will perform a Valentine celebration of Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings on 18 of the world's finest violins, violas, cellos and double basses.

For performance time and ticket information visit www.afarcy.org.

When planning your perfect Valentine celebration, the only thing that could be more fitting than an evening of romantic music is the addition of the intimate ambiance of candlelight.

The Listeso String Quartet is offering just such an experience for their Valentine Candlelight Concert.

This event features an eclectic selection of well



▲ The Verb Hotel, located at 1271 Boylston St. in Boston, is a unique rock and roll themed hotel, and is just one of many Boston area businesses celebrating Valentine's Day with the music lover in mind. (Heather Burns photo)

known romantic selections including Moon River, As Time Goes By, the Love Theme of Romeo and Juliet and some classical music selections, as well.

There will be two Valentine performances on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 and 8:45 p.m. at the Temple Ohabei Shalom, located at 1187 Beacon St. in Brookline.

For ticket information, visit www.feverup.com.

Because we are still in the midst of an unpredictable, New England winter, some

may prefer their Valentine's celebration earlier in the day to avoid driving on dark, icy roadways.

Typically, a romantic event with music may be challenging to find during the daylight hours, but the Boston Wine Festival is hosting a daytime Valentine event that is sure to satisfy.

The Valentine Champagne Brunch, located at the Boston Harbor Hotel, offers a mixture of gourmet brunch food favorites, champagne toast, cocktails, and plenty of cool,

jazz music.

All of this fine food, drink and music can be enjoyed while overlooking the scenic Boston Harbor.

To view a complete menu and purchase tickets, visit www.bostonwineandfoodfestival.com.

This season of love, forget the usual, hum-drum dinner out and impress your Valentine with the sights and sounds of Boston's music scene by enjoying one of the many Valentine musical events the area has to offer.

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
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Winter hiking is a great way to get some exercise and enjoy local trails. With the unseasonably mild conditions, we used the opportunity to explore the Blue Hills Reservation.

There are so many trails to choose from in the 7,000 acre state property, located ten miles south of Boston. The trails are rocky, a result of glacial deposits. Trail markers have a four digit numbering system, helping orient hikers as they crisscross the trails. A map is recommended but the markers make identifying your progress easy.

Micro spikes and hiking poles might be helpful if a recent rain or snowfall has impact on the trails.

There are hikes of varying length and difficulty and all levels of ability will find options at Blue Hills. Views of Boston Harbor and the harbor islands are beautiful in one direction,



▲ Some of the hiking at Blue Hills is very rocky and steep. Micro-spikes and hiking poles are recommended. Views of Boston Harbor greet those who summit one of the many hills. (Paige Impink photo)

contrasted against acres of forested hills in the other.

The Blue Hills reservation spans the towns of Randolph, Milton, Quincy and Dedham and is a Department of Conservation and Recreation property, free and open to all. It is an extremely large undevel-

oped parcel of conservation land that has been preserved for the Commonwealth.

The Skyline Trail is a 15 mile out and back trail that can be hiked in pieces or in its entirety. We used the trail head at the Uniquity Road lot, but there

are numerous parking areas and access points in the park.

Skyline is considered a challenging trail and can take many hours to complete. There are several hills for visitors to summit, including Hemingway Hill, Hancock Hill, Wolcott Hill and the iconic Great Blue Hill.

The Blue Hills Weather Observatory is a weather station at the top of Great Blue Hill, the highest point in the park, which is open to visitors. The observatory and science center are designated a national landmark and offers programs and discussions about weather and climate.

The park has over 120 miles of trails, so be sure to have a map and a charged cell phone. Being prepared for hiking on trails at Blue Hills, even though the park is within view of a major city, is as important as hiking in the

White Mountains or any other trail.

Blue Hills offer many recreation options include mountain biking, downhill and cross country skiing, and non-motorized boating in season. You'll encounter lots of trail runners and day hikers. Dogs

are welcomed but must be on leash. Not to be missed is the Trailside Museum and Houghton's Pond which are also part of the greater Blue Hills Reservation recreation area.

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/blue-hills-reservation>

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Upcoming local events

Feb. 7-8, TMHS Track Boosters Dine Out at Wick-ed Cheesy, 4 - 8 p.m. Wick-ed Cheesy will donate 20 percent of the proceeds, just mention the TMHS Track Boosters when ordering.

Feb. 9, Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Music Bingo, 777 South St., Tewksbury, \$25 pp, Doors open at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Bingo starts.

Feb. 9, Steve Bjork & Tony V, Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy/ Wilmington Band Parents Annual Comedy Night, Moose Hall, North Reading, \$20pp, cash bar, BYO snacks, doors open 7:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. Contact Kevin Caira at 978-657-7734

Feb. 11, Summer Camp and Activities Fair, 12-3 p.m., Free, Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center 219 Littleton Road, Westford. Learn about summer camps in the Merrimack Valley.

Feb. 17, Annual Democratic caucus to elect delegates for the June 1, 2024 convention. Tewksbury Town Hall, 10 a.m. All registered Tewksbury Democrats are welcome to participate. Election will send 14 delegates & 3 alternates to Worcester convention.

Feb. 17, Balto, Public Health Museum. Learn the history of diphtheria and watch the film about the sled dogs who raced to stop an outbreak. 5:30 p.m., \$5 admission. Free snacks. 365 East St., Old Administration Building. PublicHealthMuseum.org

Feb. 17-24, February Vacation Special Tours, Public Health Museum, Take a Youth Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday. PublicHealthMuseum.org

Feb. 24, Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip, Wilmington

ton Sons and Daughters of Italy, \$45 pp includes driver gratuity. 7 a.m. from the 4th of July Building parking lot, Wilmington. Depart Mohegan Sun at 4:30 p.m. for return. Money is due by Feb. 8, 2024. Contact - Lucille 339-927-1447 lmclark9999@comcast.net or Lynne 978-729-6044 Lynne_martell@comcast.net.

Feb. 25, Alternative House Love Should Be Sweet Fundraiser, Longmeadow Country Club, \$40 pp, 12 - 2:30 p.m. All proceeds to benefit survivors of domestic violence.

Feb. 29, Winter Indoor Community Market, Tewksbury Senior Center, 4 - 7 p.m. Enjoy this indoor version of the outdoor summer community market. Food trucks and many vendors!

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for tours and shopping. Check website for tour times. PublicHealthMuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St., North Billerica, Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m. middlesexcanal.org

Book Stew Review

'Everyday Something Has Tried to Kill Me And Has Failed'

by Kim McLarin

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This book of strident essays by the writer who runs the MFA Program at Emerson College is highly influenced by James Baldwin.

Her keen observations focus on travel (a Black woman with a white husband, deciding whether or not to evoke his privilege), bomb threats, living with an aging parent, kindness, the stress and joy of throwing a party, taking motorcycle lessons, surviving the death of a beloved dog, coping with Black hair, and commencement addresses.

It is a must-read for those of us trying to figure out why everything is wrong and how we can help to fix everything. Yes, us.

Quote: "The dictionary defines community as 'a unified body of individuals.' In America, we tend to take that definition backward, starting with 'individuals' and stubbornly halting there."

"From what I see, what I have seen, the arc of the moral universe bends whichever way it gets pulled. The only way to bend the arc back the right way is for each of us to grab hold and pull. Hard."

RMLD minimizes 2024 rate increase due to diligent power supply management and lower wholesale costs

READING — The Reading Municipal Light Department's (RMLD's) Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) and Board of Commissioners (Board) approved rate increases that will result in average monthly bills increasing by 3.4 percent across all rate classes effective March 1, 2024. As a not-for-profit entity, rates support the increased operating cost of the utility as well as increased distribution costs.

Average monthly bills beginning in March 2024 are estimated to increase by the following percentages for each rate class: 2.5 percent for residential customers, 3.3 percent for residential time-of-use customers 3.2 percent for commercial customers, 4.8 percent for industrial time-of-use customers, 3.3 percent for municipal customers, and 1.6 percent for schools. Rates are calculated on

the cost of service to serve each rate class based on rate studies.

As an example, an average residential customer uses approximately 800 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month and can expect their monthly bill to increase by approximately \$3.65 each month.

The bill adjustment incorporates a higher customer charge and an increased electrification charge. A customer charge is a fixed fee on a utility bill covering infrastructure maintenance and essential services, independent of electricity consumption. An electrification charge funds the incentive program available to all RMLD customers. Incentives, including rebates for Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP), encouraging the transition to electric technologies and energy efficiency programs, promoting sustainability and carbon emission reduction

Customer bills from RMLD remain significantly lower — approximately 47-60 percent — compared to those of Investor-Owned Utilities in Massachusetts.

"Recognizing the challenge posed by any price increase for our customers, we have proactively managed our power supply to keep RMLD's monthly electric bills low," stated RMLD General Manager Greg Phipps. "In addition striving to keep electric bills low, the RMLD team is focused on reliability (keeping the lights on) and making the infrastructure upgrades to prepare for the forthcoming decarbonization initiatives prompted by the 2021 Massachusetts Climate Bill."

The RMLD 2024 rate increases enable compliance with the 2021 Massachusetts Climate Bill goal to reduce emissions in the utility, building, and transportation sec-

tors by shifting from fossil fuels and towards non-carbon electricity, prompting faster electrification and decarbonization.

The Climate Bill established first-time compliance mandates for Municipal Light Plants (MLPs), requiring that the power sold by MLPs be sourced from resources that are 50 percent non-carbon by 2030, 75 percent non-carbon by 2040, and net-zero carbon by 2050.

About Reading Municipal Light

Department: Established in 1894, Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) is a municipal electric utility serving over 70,000 residents in the towns of Lynnfield Center, North Reading, Reading, and Wilmington. RMLD has over 30,000 meter connections within its service territory.

EPA to review cleanups at 14 superfund sites this year

BOSTON — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will conduct comprehensive reviews of completed cleanup work at 14 National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund sites in Massachusetts this year.

Each individual site will undergo a legally required Five-Year Review to ensure that previous remediation efforts at the sites continue to protect public health and the environment. Once the Five-Year Review is complete, its findings will be posted to EPA's website in a final report.

"Every step of the process at a Superfund site is critical and reflects a commitment we make with local communities to be as thorough as possible. Cleaning up haz-

ardous waste sites takes extensive time and effort, and these Five-Year Reviews allow EPA to ensure our cleanup efforts continue to protect public health and the environment, while keeping everyone informed and accountable, especially in those communities that have been overburdened by industrial pollution," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. "EPA continues to evaluate these cleanups, with the overarching mission to protect public health and the environment and ensuring that Massachusetts communities will continue to be protected."

In 2024, EPA will conduct Five-Year Reviews at the below listed sites.

Five-Year Reviews of Superfund sites in Massachusetts to be completed in 2024:

- Nyanza Chemical Waste Dump, Ashland
- Sutton Brook Disposal Area, Tewksbury
- Industri-Plex, Woburn
- Wells G&H, Woburn
- W.R. Grace & Co., Inc. (Acton Plant), Acton
- Baird & McGuire, Holbrook
- Hatheway & Patterson, Mansfield & Foxboro
- Rose Disposal Pit, Lanesborough
- Hocomonco Pond, Westborough
- Silresim Chemical Corp., Lowell
- South Weymouth Naval Air Station, Weymouth
- Naval Weapons In-

dustrial Reserve Plant, Bedford

Five-Year Reviews of Superfund sites in Massachusetts to begin in 2024, to be completed in Fiscal Year 2025:

- Blackburn & Union Privileges, Walpole
- Norwood PCBs, Norwood

More information:

The Superfund program, a federal program established by Congress in 1980, investigates and cleans up the most complex, uncontrolled, or abandoned hazardous waste sites in the country and EPA endeavors to facilitate activities to return them to productive use. In total, there are 123 Superfund sites across New England.

Locals named to Dean's List at Rhode Island

KINGSTON, RI — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2023 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries. They include:

WILMINGTON:

- Jason Berube
- Angelyn Ciampa
- Ava DeProffio
- Nicholas DiNatale
- Tess O'Connell
- Bella Piazza
- Olivia Rogers
- Katie Stone
- Owen Surette
- Zachary Weinstein

TEWKSBURY:

- Alex Arbogast
- Sarah Cunningham
- Katie Famiglietti
- Abby Hansbury
- Shea Moynihan
- Lexi Palmisano
- Blake Ryder
- Kaitlyn Staskywiez

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at

least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

About the University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is a diverse and dynamic community whose members are connected by a common quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island's flagship public research institution, URI offers its undergraduate, graduate, and professional students distinctive educational opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow.

Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students. The core of its Kingston Campus was named to the National Register of Historic Places, and the University's Narragansett Bay Campus is home to highly acclaimed oceanography and ocean engineering programs, providing un-

paralleled opportunities for students and researchers. As a land-, sea-, and space-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and con-

tributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state and New England region.

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Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

OBITUARIES

Susanne (Roberts) Boyce Loved to travel with her husband

Susanne (Roberts) Boyce, 79 of Wilmington and loving wife of 59 years to Robert Boyce, peacefully passed away Jan. 30, 2024 at Sawtelle Family Hospice House.

Susanne was born in Somerville on Aug. 21, 1944. She was one of three daughters of the late William "Bill" and Ida "Gwen" Roberts. Susanne was a graduate of Somerville High class of 1962.

Susanne was initially a stay at home mom caring for her family. She then had a career in purchasing working for Bristol Meyers Squibb for over 30 years.

One of the things she loved to do was to travel with Robert. Their adventures included many trips to Prince Edward Island Canada, Newfoundland, Alaska, Sedona, Arizona, Mexico, St. Lucia, St. Martin, Aruba and Puerto Rico just to name a few.

Susanne will fondly be remembered for her love of baking, Celtic music, gardening, lighthouses, nature especially hummingbirds, and sewing.

She was also involved with drum and bugle corps helping and following her daughters as they competed while traveling around the country and Canada.

She loved nothing more than her four grandchildren. She was very proud of them as she followed them through their activities, whether it was hockey, cheerleading competitions, softball, volleyball, ballroom dance competitions, and high school plays.

Susanne is survived by her husband Robert, three children Deborah Lisiecki and her husband Raymond of Tewksbury, Steven Boyce of Wilmington, and Bonnie Wright and her husband Mark of Townsend, her sister Natalie Matthews and her husband Robert of Virginia.

She is also survived by her loving grandchildren Emily and Jessica Lisiecki, and Jordyn and Jonathan Wright.

Susanne was predeceased by her sister Marilyn Gray and her husband Earl.

She is also survived by her extended family including brother and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.



Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Feb. 5 for Visiting Hours from 5 - 7 p.m. A funeral service will take place at the Funeral Home at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations in Susanne's memory may be made to the Mass Audubon, 208 Great South Road, Lincoln, MA 01773. Arrangements under the direction of Nichols Funeral Home, Inc.

Helen (Quinton) Rossi Loved to snowmobile at Yellowstone

Helen (Quinton) Rossi of Nottingham, New Hampshire, wife of the late Donald Rossi passed peacefully on Jan. 27, 2024 with her children by her side.

Helen was born on July 7, 1930 in Boston. She was 93 years old.

Helen graduated from Howe High School in Billerica in 1948 and met her husband, Donald, while they both worked at Factory Mutual in Boston. They married on April 16, 1951 and were married for over 71 years.

They built their first home together on Fairmeadow Road in Wilmington in 1954 where they raised four children.

Above all, Helen loved celebrating when her family gathered for holidays and special occasions. For many years Helen worked at Portex in Wilmington before joining Donald in their family snow plowing and power sweeping business.

Her hobbies included bird watching, ceramics, knitting, snowmobiling with her family and co-organizing annual snowmobile

trips with her husband to Yellowstone National Park.

She loved traveling in their motorhome to parts north and south in the United States and Canada and spending summers at their lake house on Pawtuckaway Lake in Nottingham, NH.

Helen and Don built their lake house in 1969 where they eventually retired after selling Wilmington in 1997.

During retirement, Helen became a snowbird with her husband and bought a home in Florida, commuting back and forth from New Hampshire. Helen became a terrific golfer in her Florida women's league: she even got her first hole-in-one before Don!

Helen was predeceased by her husband, Donald, her brother, James Quinton, and her parents, Charles and Emma (Vaughn) Quinton. She is survived by her four children: Diane Rossi of Auburn, NH; Brenda Coughlin and husband Kevin of Candia, NH; David Rossi and wife Michelle of Londonderry, NH



and Paula Rossi-Clapp and husband Joseph of Plympton.

She also leaves behind five grandchildren: Stephanie, Daniel, Zachary, Amanda and Christopher and three great-grandchildren: Garrison, Myles and Madeline.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Helen's favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Burial will be in the Southside Cemetery, Nottingham, NH.

For more information, please visit www.brewittfuneralhome.com

Mary Louise (Hachey) Nichols Loved the Red Sox and Turkish TV dramas

Mary Louise (Hachey) Nichols, passed away at age 64.

Born in Stoneham, Mary died of cancer on Sunday Jan. 21, 2024 at her residence in St. Cloud, Florida. She was surrounded by the love of her family.

Mary grew up in Wilmington with her parents James and Elaine Hachey and her three siblings Jim, Pattiann and Dorothy. She attended Wilmington High School and graduated from Shawsheen Tech in Billerica.

She was a devout Catholic and grew up attending St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Wilmington.

Mary was mother to

Matthew James O'Doherty, Holly Patricia Nichols and step-mother to Krista Carreau, Kelly O'Doherty Smith and Lori O'Doherty.

She was affectionally known as auntie to several nieces and nephews. She was a well respected colleague as well as loyal friend for decades to many.

A cherished mother, sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Mary loved the Boston Red Sox and watching Turkish tv dramas. She was a backseat driver, chocolate lover and Disco dancer. She loved all babies, and afternoon Dunkin Donuts iced coffees.

To say that she will be missed greatly is an understatement.



A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday February 3 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in St Cloud, FL.

Fourth annual Jr. Police Academy

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Police Department is thrilled to announce open registration for the 4th annual Jr. Police Academy!

This free program is open to incoming 5th-8th graders, and they must be Tewksbury residents.

Topics will include physical fitness and health and wellness classes; criminal law; investigations, cyber safety; CPR and first aid; drug and alcohol awareness; domestic violence, motor vehicle law, the K-9 Unit, the Drone Unit, and

mental health, with numerous hands-on activities to help students understand the content.

NOTE: The deadline to register is March 31.

The Academy will be held at TMHS and will run from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the following weeks:

July 15 - 19
July 22 - 26

To secure a spot submit both forms at:
Registration: <https://forms.gle/rSrb7orCJ2mMC4u07>

Waiver & consent: <https://forms.gle/SKMQgG8zFB SK6Dp99>

"We are very excited about this year's academy and can't wait to see all the new and returning faces."

William A. 'Bill' Pierce Enlisted in the US Navy

William A. "Bill" Pierce, age 85, of Wilmington, formerly of Lady Lake, FL, and Wells, ME, passed away peacefully on Feb. 4, 2024.

Bill was born and raised in Lynn; he was the dear son of the late Doris and Ernest Ouelette.

Bill graduated from Lynn Technical High School with the Class of 1956. Following graduation, Bill, enlisted in the United States Navy on Dec. 17, 1956; he served actively until December of 1958 when he was honorably discharged and returned home to his family. Bill continued to serve the country in the U. S. Naval Reserves until June of 1962.

Bill worked hard throughout his life; he went to work at the General Electric Company in Lynn, in the Steam Turbine Division. Bill was very instrumental with the fabrication layouts. He had a vast knowledge of his field and he was always willing to learn new projects and to teach his co-workers.

While working full time, Bill was involved with IUE Local 201 and served on the executive board while continuing his education by taking classes at Newbury College.

Bill retired after 39 years as a dedicated employee with the company.

Bill met his "sweetheart" Kathleen Murphy in 1958; the couple were inseparable, and they married on Aug. 7, 1960. Bill and Kathleen lived in Lynn for a few years before moving to Wilmington in 1963 where they raised a wonderful family. Bill's family was always his priority, he enjoyed the time they spent

together at family holidays and on their many vacations.

Bill was a devoted husband and father, but he treasured his role as "Papa" he just loved being with his grandkids.

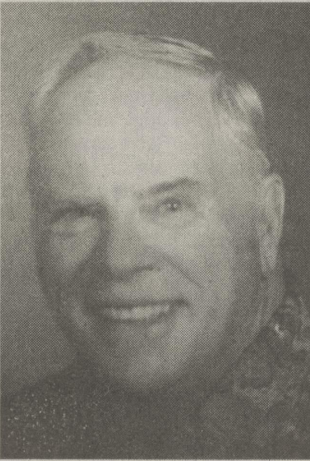
Bill and Kathleen looked forward to spending summers at their home in Wells, ME, where their door was always open to family and friends. To escape the cold New England winters, the couple headed to Lady Lake, FL, where they had many friends and where Bill enjoyed "hitting the links."

Following retirement, the couple moved to Florida full time where they enjoyed the sun and sand, hanging out with family and friends, and making countless memories before Kathleen's untimely passing in 2019. Following Kathleen's passing, Bill spent the last four years between Wilmington and Canton, GA to be closer to family.

Throughout his life, Bill was athletic and fit; he enjoyed going to the gym, playing softball, and was an avid golfer. Bill also loved all outdoor activities including fishing and hunting with his family and friends.

In his spare time, Bill liked catching up on his favorite television shows, doing crossword puzzles and word searches just to keep his mind sharp. Bill will be remembered as a great guy who would do anything for anyone; he had an endearing personality, and a huge heart. Bill will always live on in the hearts of those he loved.

Bill was the beloved husband of 58 years to Kathleen (Murphy) Pierce, he



was the devoted father of William C. Pierce and his wife Lois of Jamestown, RI, Colleen Pettinati and her husband John of Canton, GA and John Pierce and his wife Kathleen of Wilmington, loving "Papa" of Emily, Corey, Kyle, Michaila, Jonathan, Brendan and Shauna.

Bill is further survived by his sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, as well as his many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Service at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. Interment with Military Honors to follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 5 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be made to Nashoba Learning Group, 10 Oak Park Drive, Bedford, MA 01730 or to The Children's Health Defense, 1227 North Peachtree Pkwy, Suite 202, Peachtree City, GA 30269.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Chocolate Festival at WUMC in February

WILMINGTON — Come indulge in delicious, homemade chocolate treats at the Wilmington United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., while supplies last. \$10 gets you a box that can be filled with the treats of your choice, just in time for Valentine's Day.

The talented bakers of WUMC will offer all-time favorites like chocolate chip cookies, brownies, and whoopie pies, as well as many other goodies.

While you are there, you can bid on more than 20 silent auction items, donated by local businesses.

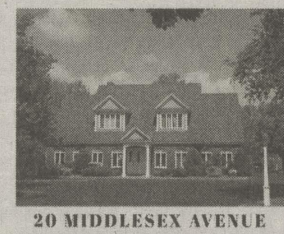
This event is a FUND-raising event to benefit the Wilmington-Tewksbury United Women in Faith's outreach and mission efforts. Our mission efforts focus on helping women and children in need, both locally and globally.

Wilmington United Methodist Church
87 Church Street
Wilmington, MA 01887
Phone 978.658.4519

On the web: <https://wilmingtonumc.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064804833697>

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PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Announcement:

January 2024 Community Update for Olin Chemical Superfund Site - Wilmington, Mass.

- EPA held an open house for the site in November and finalized the Community Involvement Plan (CIP). The posters from the open house and the CIP are available on EPA's website: www.epa.gov/superfund/olin under the "Announcements and Key Topics" section.
- Under EPA oversight, Olin continues to collect information to address groundwater data gaps. This data will help refine and improve the effectiveness of future groundwater remediation. Additional data collection will continue through the 1st quarter of 2024.
- As part of the ongoing Treatability Study for Dense Aqueous Phase Liquid (DAPL) and highly-contaminated groundwater, Olin is currently evaluating additional treatment technologies for ammonia and n-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA).
 - o The results of this focused evaluation will be provided to EPA in April 2024.
- A Consent Decree for the site was finalized in September 2023. Under the agreement, Olin will perform the cleanup. The first set of workplans are due in January 2024.
- In December 2022, a real estate developer named Wilmington Woburn Industrial, LLC (WWI) requested that EPA consider entering into an agreement called a "Prospective Purchaser Agreement" or "PPA." EPA is currently considering WWI's request. Whether or not EPA enters into a PPA with WWI, and whether or not WWI ultimately purchases the Olin property, Olin remains responsible under the Consent Decree for performing the cleanup.

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

SECTION 00010

INVITATION TO BID

Beech Street Neighborhood
Water Main Improvements
Project, Tewksbury, MA
(PW-22-04)

Location of Work: Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Sealed Bids for the Beech Street Neighborhood Water Main Improvements Project will be received by the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, Massachusetts until February 22, 2024, 2:00 P.M., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bids read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. All questions should be submitted in writing to the Engineer of Record by 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

In the event of inclement weather on the day of the bid opening in which the Tewksbury Department of Public Works building is closed, the bid acceptance deadline and the bid opening will be rescheduled to 1:00 PM on the next date that the Tewksbury Department of Public Works

is open. Notification of any rescheduling of the bid opening date will be posted to Projectdog as an addendum.

The work involves the following major item(s): Installation of approximately 5,600 linear feet of 8" and 6" ductile iron water main, approximately 2,100 linear feet of HDPE service piping, fittings, fire hydrants, ductile iron gate valves, temporary water main bypass and other related water system work on Beech Street, Coolidge Street, Walnut Road, Pupkis Road, Oak Road, Heath Street, Edison Street, and Chestnut Road. Additional work includes approximately 5,500 square yards of trench paving and all other related work as specified.

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available after 2:00 P.M. local time on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, by going on www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 859928 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain bid documents. Contract documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the Tewksbury DPW Office during the following hours: 7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

BID SECURITIES shall be in amount of 5% of the bid and in the form of a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Massachusetts or a bid bond executed by a surety com-

pany authorized to do business in Massachusetts, made payable to the **OWNER**.

The successful bidder must furnish a 100% **PERFORMANCE** and **PAYMENT BOND** and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within ten (10) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. Bids are subject to Massachusetts-M.G.L. Chapter 30-Section 39M and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149-Sections 26 to 27D inclusive. The award of the contract is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funding by the Town. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether or not the Contract is awarded.

The successful bidder shall certify that all employees at the worksite will have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) that is at least 10 hours in duration at the time the employee begins work and who shall furnish documentation of successful completion of said course with the first certified payroll for each employee.

Richard Montuori, Town Manager
Tewksbury, Massachusetts
240113 2/7/24

Annual citizenship award ceremonies honor 109 students at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School is delighted to announce the successful conclusion of its annual Citizenship Award ceremonies, a distinguished two-night tradition dedicated to honoring exemplary students from each grade in the school community. This year, Shawsheen celebrated 109 exceptional individuals among its 1320-student population, embodying the school's core values of Respect, Integrity, and Accountability.

Hosted by the dean's office, the ceremony stands as a significant event for the school community, applauding students who epitomize the essence of what it means to be a Shawsheen student. The recently embraced core values played a pivotal role in the selection process, with students nominated for exemplifying these principles.

One student from each grade in every vocational program, alongside one student from each academic course, was chosen for this esteemed recognition.

Assistant Principal Kevin Caruso and Dean of Students Christine Tobin led the proceedings, presenting each student with a certificate and commemorative pin. Notably, the event garnered wide-

spread support from teachers and staff, many of whom attended to show their encouragement for the deserving students. The ceremony also featured its annual Ice Cream Sunday bar, skillfully catered by Shawsheen's culinary students.

Caruso emphasized the importance of the event for the department, highlighting its role in reinforcing positive behavior.

He stated, "It is important to recognize students for this excellent achievement because they work hard in school and are great role models for other students."

Principal Jessica Cook echoed the sentiment, underscoring the crucial role of school leadership in cultivating a positive school culture.

She said, "It is our responsibility to intentionally create impactful moments in the lives of our students, and these ceremonies are an example of that."

Shawsheen extends a heartfelt congratulations to the 109 students who earned this prestigious recognition. They are: Destinee Almodovar, Anna Andacie, Emily Aurilio, Rachel Botte, Aidan Boutot, Braeden Brazil, Noah Brooks, Ethan Caceres, Maria Cafaro, Samuel Cahill, Pheobe Cameron, John Canadas, Spencer Capparelli, Malcolm Castiglione, Isaiah Castronova, Geoffrey Cavanaugh, Tara Clark, Timothy Clark, Kara Clayton, Owen Coltran, Erin Cornell, Dante D'Alleva, Carmella Deacy, Siena DeMatteo, Brenden DiMambro, Allison Dinelli, Isabella DiSalvo, Sophia DiTonno, Maria-rose Doucette, Trevor Engel, Tyler Fennell, Jake Gagnon,

Sara Ganley, Gisele Gannem, Kaytlin Gannon, Elisabeth Gibson, Mia Gorraisi, Alessandra Harris, Angelique Hernandez-Nichols, Lia Holowenczak, Nathan Horne, Jaxon Jacobs, Destinee Jeanty, Sarah Johansen, Lillian Johnson, Pauline Karavakis, Alexander Kaszuba, Cole Kelley, Bryan Keohan, Matthew Kilfoyle, Nishtha Lamsal, Melissa Lavine, Daphne Lazo, Ava LeDoux, Maya Lee, Gabriella Lentini, Lincoln Levesque, Madeline Long, Mykah Lourie, Devin MacDonald, Sydney MacPherson, Aliza Maher, Lucy Malfy, Kyle Marrone, Nora Martin, Harley Martin, Amelia Matzke, Emma McDermott, Sarah McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Devin Medeiros, Nicholas Melaragni, Valerie Mendoza-Reyna, Trevor Middleton, Julia Morin, Mia Morrison, Jacquelyn Morrissey, Valentina Mosquera, Derek Mulik, Kenneth Murnane III, Seamus Naughton, Mono Newell, Gordon Noble, Ryan Nogueira, Emmanuel Nogueras, Makayla Nolan, Mason O'Rourke, Joseph O'Sullivan, Rayssa Pereira, Colin Peterson, Gianna Rago, Ava Rega, Zackary Rogers, Seth Ruchalski, Luke Saengvanich, Elizabeth Santos, Samuel Sarkissian, Phoebe Sassone, John Schofield, James Shepherd, Brennan Skelly, Gabriella Solari, John Vitor, Ariana Walker, Delaney Ward, Michael Ware, Anna Warford, Hailey Welch, and Destiny Young.

Shawsheen remains committed to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment, celebrating the accomplishments of its students, while preparing them for success after high school.

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

SECTION 00010

INVITATION TO BID

Fiske Street & Bailey Road
Water Main Improvements
Project, Tewksbury, MA
(PW-23-08)

Location of Work: Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Sealed Bids for the Fiske Street & Bailey Road Water Main Improvements Project will be received by the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, Massachusetts until February 23, 2024, 2:00 P.M., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bids read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. All questions should be submitted in writing to the Engineer of Record by 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

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bury Department of Public Works is open. Notification of any rescheduling of the bid opening date will be posted to Projectdog as an addendum.

The work involves the following major item(s): Installation of approximately 4,860 linear feet of 8" and 6" ductile iron water main, approximately 950 linear feet of HDPE service piping, fittings, fire hydrants, ductile iron gate valves, temporary water main bypass and other related water system work on Fiske Street and Bailey Road. Additional work includes approximately 4,500 square yards of trench paving, and all other related work as specified.

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available after 2:00 P.M. local time on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, by going on www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 859941 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain bid documents. Contract documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the Tewksbury DPW Office during the following hours: 7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

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Richard Montuori, Town Manager
Tewksbury, Massachusetts
240114 2/7/24

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI23P5182EA

Estate of:
Maureen Patricia Kelley
Also Known As:
Maureen P. Kelley
Date of Death: July 03, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner John J. Kelley of Tewksbury MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John J. Kelley of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders, terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P0350EA

Estate of: Michael J. Dion
Also known as:
Michael James Dion
Date of Death: 09/11/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate

of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Edward L. Dion of Swampscott MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Edward L. Dion of Swampscott MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/21/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection fol-

lowed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 24, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
240098 2/7/24

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P0486EA

Estate of: Robert N Surette
Also known as:
Robert Newton Surette
Date of Death: 08/22/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Linda Marie Surette of Somersworth NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Linda Marie Surette of Somersworth NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/28/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 31, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
240119 2/7/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for Brush Mowing (Contract PW-24-14), Traffic Marking (Contract PW-24-15), Catch Basin Cleaning (Contract PW-24-16), Street Sweeping (Contract PW-24-19), and Structure Repair and Adjustments (Contract PW-24-20) will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 11:00 AM, on February 29, 2024 at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The contracts listed above will be for yearly work up to a period of three years total.

Contract Documents are available after 8:00 AM local time on Monday, February 5, 2024 by requesting a set via email to DLizotte@tewbury-ma.gov. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI

TOWN MANAGER

TEWKSBURY,

MASSACHUSETTS

240120 2/7,14/24

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to: Donald Young, of 41 Doyle St in Lawrence, MA 01841, who is the last registered owner of a 2010 Mazda 3

VIN # JN11BL1SG9A1262000 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about March 1, 2024 at A&S Towing, 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

240112 2/7,14,21/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Select Board will hold a public hearing, as part of their regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA relative to the streets to be accepted at the May 4, 2024 Annual Town Meeting. The streets are as follows: **Green Meadow Drive**

Gary B. DePalma, Chair
Select Board
240121 2/7/24

LEGAL NOTICE



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PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI23P1709EA

Estate of:
George Samuel Ward, III
Date of Death: 10/12/2021

A Petition for S/A – Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by: Olivia Ward of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/16/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 19, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
240102 2/7/24

Wilmington High School Honor Roll for 2023-2024, Quarter 2

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Andoni, Glenn2026
Archer, Julia2024
Balter, Ayden2025
Banevicius, Mantvydas2024
Benoit, Madison2024
Bornstein, Jordan2024
Brady, Reagan2024
Brazell, Ian2026
Bresnahan, Shaylan2026
Bryan, Samantha2024
Bryson, Hannah2024
Canevari, Parker2027
Carroll, Margaret2022
Chau, Kelby2024
Cronin, Jack2027
Cyr, Angela2022
Cyr, Robert2024
D'Augusta, Daniel2027
Deshnica, Adania2026
Ding, Terry2025
Doherty, Emily2024
Donovan, Caroline2027
Dynan, Michael2024
El Fassi, Adam2026
Engvaldsen, Abigail2027
Erickson, Axel2025
Falk, Cole2027
Fenton, Madison2025
Fitzgibbons, Annette2027
Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth2027
Florencio, Tyler2025
Forcina, Charlotte2026
Fuller, Paige2024
Ganley, Alissa2024
Giammarco, Jenna2027
Grace, Dylan2026
Grace, Emily2024
Gupta, Ajay2027
Guyette, Molly2027
Hall, Allison2026
Hao, Katherine2025
Harper, Austin2024
Hassell, Abigail2024
Howie, Abigail2026
Hughes, Rebecca2025
Hunt, Addyson2025
Israelson, Cayley2026
Jenks, Cameron2025
Jenks, Caroline2024
Karani, Jay2027
Kaszuba, Tyler2024
Kelley, Kyla2024
Keohane, Emerson2024
Kulevich, Gabrielle2024
LaConte, Ethan2027
Lambert, Clyde2024
LaVita, Sophia2024
L'Esperance, Ericka2024
L'Esperance, Maxwell2026
MacDonald, Molly2024
Maguire, Olivia2024
Mallajosyula, Srilasya2026
Marvin, Benjamin2024
Mason, Kristina2022
Mastropietro, Mia2027
McElligott, Daniel2024
McLaughlin, Lily2026
Moody, Amanda2027
Moore, Adrienne2024
Murray, Erin2026
Murray, Nathan2024
Nolan, Abigail2024
Palermo, Nicholas2022

Patel, Krish2026
Patel, Sia2027
Poyant, William2026
Pruslin, Kevin2026
Ragsdale, Vivian2027
Raposa, Aidan2027
Reppucci, Sara2026
Restuccia, William2025
Rodrigues, Paola2026
Roofe, John2026
Samaha, Avis2024
Samaha, Nicholas2024
Saragosa, Olivia2026
Shackelford, Kaitlyn2026
Shapiro, Marisol2025
Sivakumar, Vibhush2025
Smith, Megan2027
Smith, Meghan2024
Soucy, Clare2026
Spencer, Hailey2026
Spinney, Eric2024
Stoeva, Neda2024
Sun, Derek2025
Surprenant, Nolan2026
Sutton, Julee2024
Tentindo, Sofia2026
Thai, Megan2027
Thapa, Purima2026
Tibbetts, Cassandra2024
Tibbetts, Jacoby2026
Tibbetts, Kyle2026
Toomey, Emma-Rose2024
Tran, Khoa2026
Tripathi, Sarthak2024
Tumer, Kyra2025
Walsh, Molly2024
Wang, Katherine2025
Weinstein, Ryan2024
Wong, Vicki2026
Ye, Sophia2025
Zaya, Isabella2026

HONOR ROLL

Abdulla, Noor2025
Aboukal, Ali2024
Almeda, Andrew2024
Anastasia, Vincent2024
Anguioni, Matthew2026
Atwater, Zachary2027
Bagatz, Maxwell2027
Bagatz, Spencer2025
Baker, Ashvin2025
Barry, Emily2025
Belanger, Ryan2026
Bond, Vincenzo2027
Bottari, John2027
Boudreau, Eva2025
Bourgeois, Jake2024
Bradley, Thomas2024
Brady, Norah2026
Bridge, Kyle2026
Broussard, Lindsay2026
Brown, Dylan2027
Burns, Thomas2024
Burton, Emily2025
Cabral, Brady2026
Cali, Megan2024
Callahan, Emma2026
Callahan, Emma2027
Cameron, Salem2024
Cannata, Anastasia2024
Cappione, Tessa2025
Cardin, Luke2024
Cardin, Nathan2024
Carriere, Nathan2026
Castelli, Andrew2024
Cella, Julien2024
Chesbrough, Christina2027

Chirichiello, Emma2026
Chronopoulos, Ellianna2024
Cook, Arianna2025
Crane, Connor2024
Crane, Sydney2025
Cronin, Emily2025
Cronin, Jake2026
Cudia, Luca2024
Cudia, Vijay2026
Cummings, Evan2026
Cushing, Luke2026
D'Angelo, Alexander2026
D'Anna, Alexander2026
Davis, Adam2024
De Los Reyes, Abigail2025
De Oliveira, Giselli2025
DeHart, Sophia2024
DeOliveira, Ava2024
DiGiovanni, Cara2026
DiGiovanni, Nicholas2025
DiNatale, Sofia2024
Diorio, Emma2024
Doherty, Alison2024
Doherty, Maeve2026
Dong, Ella2026
Dong, Gavin2026
Donn, Ari2027
Douzeps, Niki2027
Driscoll, Abigail2027
Driscoll, Jake2027
Drozowski, Ava2027
Dwyer, Colin2026
Dynan, David2026
Ebert, Meredith2027
Erickson, Emma2024
Erler, Alexandra2026
Febbo, Christian2024
Ferreira, Marisa2027
Fitzgibbons, Gabriella2025
Fitzpatrick, Owen2026
Flynn, Emma2024
Flynn, Ryan2026
Foresth, Jonathan2024
Gabaree, Kyle2025
Galvin, Joseph2024
Gardner, Alicia2024
Gargan, Shane2026
Giammarco, Gracy2024
Glaser, Joseph2026
Goldstein, Isabella2027
Gomez, Tiago2024
Gray, Ryan2026
Graziano, Alivia2025
Griffith, Jackson2027
Guisti, Domenic2025
Guyette, Aidan2024
Harris, Aiden2027
Harris, Benjamin2027
Heffernan, Chase2026
Heffernan, Kaylee2025
Held, Annika2026
Hernandez Osorno, Uriel2025
Ho, Christina2026
Huddleston, Bailey2026
Hudson, Tori2024
Iascone, Nikolaos2024
Ientile, Nicholas2027
Jakob, Eduarda2025
Jakob, Ricardo2025
Jamieson, Benjamin2025
Johnson, Grace2026
Jones, Taya2025
Jordan, Isabel2024
Kaizer, Samuel2027

Kane, Gillian2025
Kennedy, Ava2024
Kennedy, Ethan2024
Kilburn, James2025
Kiley, Charlotte2027
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Krueger, Reese2027
Kulevich, Elizabeth2027
Kwiatkowski, Mason2026
Langone, Leah2026
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Lawler, Michael2024
Loshak, Veronika2025
Lovell, Connor2025
Lydon, Gabriel2026
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Mahoney, Alyssa2025
Mahoney, Matthew2024
Maiella, Isabelle2027
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McConnell, Aiden2027
McMahon, Marvellen2024
McNally, Seamus2025
Mehrer, Jon2026
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Morales, Jonathan2025
Morello, Nicole2024
Mozuch, Matthew2024
Murphy, Katherine2024
Murphy, Kiera2024
Murphy, Leah2026
Murphy, Nathaniel2027
Murray, Madisyn2024
Nolan, Emma2027
Oatis, Madelyn2026
Oatis, Michael2024
O'Brien, Benjamin2025
O'Brien, Sean2026
O'Donoghue, Madison2027
Oliveira, Hannah Julie2027
Osgood, Mollie2024
O'Shea, Cooper2027
Packer, Eric2024
Parr, Lauryn2024
Patrone, Sean2024
Pedato, Natalie2026
Pereira de Assis, Paulo Henrique2025
Phares, Christophe2026
Pire, Biorni2027
Pitzen, Sofia2024
Plouffe, Sophia2026
Powers, Kurtis2025
Quinn, Kaleigh2026
Quintero, Alivia2026
Ragsdale, Evander2025
Ragucci, Juliana2024
Ramesh, Pravva2026
Raposa, Olivia2027
Rasphoumy, Molly2027
Reddick-Davila, Zaniyah2024

Reppucci, Rachel2024
Rosa, Charles2024
Rosillo, Nicholas2026
Russell, Karenna2027
Ryou, Jaslene2026
Said, Ghina2025
Sainato, Madelynne2024
Sands, Summer2026
Schoenholtz, Ethan2025
Serafim, Isabella2025
Shinohara, Kokoro2026
Smith, Christopher2025
Southern, Cody2024
Stack, Alyssa2024
Stokes, Amelia2027
Stover, Lyla2024
Stryhalaleck, Mia2024
Sullivan, Keira2024
Synnott, Roman2026
Tarin, Emma2027
Tassinari, Sophia2025
Tran, Dat2024
Tran, Zachary2025
Tucker, Jacob2025
Vindice, Vincent2026
Vo, Angelina2026
Vo, Celina2027
Vo, Priscilla2024
Walker, Justin2025
Walsh, Grace2024
White, Braeden2024
White, Maeve2026
Widomski, Madilyn2025
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Woltag, Evan2024
Wright, Benjamin2024
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Zou, Alex2024

Zhang graduates from Georgia Tech

ATLANTA, GA — Zijian Zhang of Wilmington has earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Zhang was among approximately 6,300 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute's 265th Commencement exercises Dec. 15 - 16, 2023, at McCamish Pavilion.

Read about other accomplished scholars on Gold Letters: A Spotlight

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WCTV's religious/spiritual programming block:
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4:45 a.m. - Abundant Life Church
6:30 a.m. - Wilmington United Methodist Church
8 a.m. - Changing Lives Christian Church
9:15 a.m. - Parish of the Transfiguration

10:15 a.m. - Abundant Life Church
12 p.m. - Wilmington United Methodist Church
1:30 p.m. - Cable Bible Study
2:45 p.m. - Parish of the Transfiguration
View Sundays on WCTV's Access Channel (Comcast 6 / Verizon 39)

WCTV's religious/spiritual programming block:
Sundays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
9 a.m. - Cable Bible Study

10:30 a.m. - Parish of the Transfiguration
12 p.m. - Wilmington United Methodist Church
1:30 p.m. - Abundant Life Church
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WCTV's religious/spiritual programming
Tuesdays:
8 p.m. - Wilmington United Methodist Church
View on Tuesdays on

WCTV's Access Channel (Comcast 6 / Verizon 39).

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. - Select Board
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. - Finance Committee
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. - School Committee
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

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WCTV is located at 10 Waltham Street, Wilmington
Office hours by appointment: (978) 657-4066.
Questions about WCTV? Contact: info@wctv.org.

News and notes from WCTV

State denies town's request to require ground floor commercial

PLANNING FROM PAGE 1

that the Darby Lane project had been going well, with six houses sold out of the total 17. They had three currently under construction. Gingrich also

mentioned they received a complaint from a resident about construction taking place on unauthorized days — Sundays and holidays in this case — and asked Castellano to ensure that it wouldn't happen

again.

Gingrich spoke to the 79 Nichols St. case before the ZBA that the sewer proposal wasn't typical for the town's standards, and the board seemed to agree that a sewer peer review

should take place before approval.

Lastly, Gingrich discussed feedback from the state on the proposed multi-family housing district, where the state denied the town's proposal to require

a ground floor commercial use. Instead, she suggested they incentivize the ground floor commercial use by allowing three stories including two residential stories on top. She also said they may want to still have

no minimum parking requirement for any ground floor commercial use.

The board was favorable to these updates.

Their next meeting will take place on March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

New project at 800 Salem Street has anticipated delivery date later this year



JLL Capital Markets announced recently that it arranged \$57 million in construction financing for 800 Salem St., a state-of-the-art industrial logistics development totaling 237,800 square feet in Wilmington. The project is fully entitled with site work complete, vertical construction underway and an anticipated delivery in Q3 2024. (Courtesy photo)

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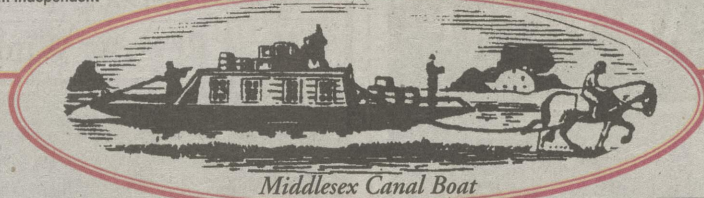
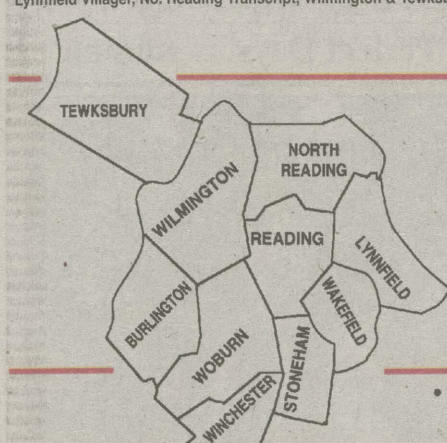
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EPA to review Superfund site in Tewksbury

By RYAN LAROCHE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will conduct comprehensive reviews of completed cleanup work at 14 National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund sites in Massachusetts this year including the Sutton Brook Disposal Area in Tewksbury (as well as two sites in Woburn and the Silresim Chemical Corp. in Lowell).

Each individual site will undergo a legally required Five-Year Review to ensure that previous remediation efforts at the sites continue to protect public health and the en-

vironment. Once the Five-Year Review is complete, its findings will be posted to EPA's website in a final report.

"Every step of the process at a Superfund site is critical and reflects a commitment we make with local communities to be as thorough as possible. Cleaning up hazardous waste sites takes extensive time and effort, and these Five-Year Reviews allow EPA to ensure our cleanup efforts continue to protect public health and the environment, while keeping everyone informed and accountable, especially in those communities that have been overburdened by industrial



SUTTON BROOK DISPOSAL AREA IN TEWKSBURY

pollution," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. "EPA continues to evaluate these cleanups, with the overarching mission to protect public health and the environment and ensuring that Massachusetts communities will continue to be protected."

Background on the Sutton Brook Disposal Area in Tewksbury

The 50-acre Sutton Brook Disposal Area site is located in Tewksbury on South Street near Regina S Drive. A small part of the site also extends into the Town of Wilmington. The site includes three source areas - a 50-acre landfill, an area of buried drums (excavated in 2000) and contaminated soils associated with the drum disposal area

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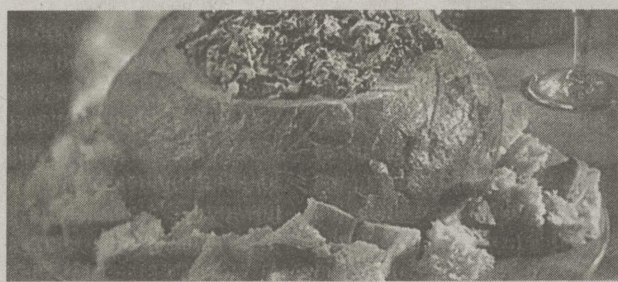
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SUPER BREAD BOWL - Fill this bread bowl with a delicious dip made using spinach and yogurt - a perfect appetizer.

STEPS

1. Cook spinach as directed on package; cool. Squeeze water from spinach; discard water. In large bowl, mix all ingredients except bread. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour to blend flavors.

2. Just before serving, cut a 1- to 2-inch slice from the top of the loaf of bread. Hollow out the loaf

by cutting along the edge with a serrated knife, leaving about a 1-inch shell, and pulling out large chunks of bread. Cut or tear the top slice and the hollowed-out bread into bite-size pieces.

3. Place bread on serving plate; fill with spinach dip. Arrange bread pieces around loaf to use for dipping.

Ingredients

- 2 boxes (9 ounces each) frozen chopped spinach
- 1 can (8 ounces) sliced water chestnuts, drained, chopped
- 1 cup chopped green onions (about 9)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup Yoplait® plain yogurt
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard (dry)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1-pound unsliced round bread loaf

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(excavated in 2000 and 2007).

Waste disposal activities can be traced back to at least 1957, when an area of the site was used as a "burning dump." The Tewksbury Board of Health originally used this area as a temporary disposal area (landfill). In 1961, the temporary assignment was modified to require that the landfill on the site be operated as a sanitary landfill, accepting municipal refuse generated only in Tewksbury.

The assignment was not complied with; the landfill accepted municipal, commercial and industrial wastes from both inside and outside Tewksbury. The owners of the landfill received numerous citations from state and local officials for violating Massachusetts Sanitary Landfill Regulations.

In 1966, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health ordered the Town of Tewksbury to operate the landfill using the sanitary landfill method. However, after 1966, there were documented occurrences of landfill burning, uncovered waste areas, the filling in of on-site wetlands, and wastes disposed of below the water table and landfill slopes that exceeded operation plans.

Due to these violations, the Commonwealth ordered the closure of the landfill in 1979. At the time of its closure, the landfill was accepting in excess of 250 tons of waste per day. Despite the closure order, landfill operations continued until 1982, when official landfill operations were suspended, yet waste acceptance continued through 1988.

In 1983, a loam screening business began operation on the property. On Aug. 11, 1983, during an inspection by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (MADEQE, now MassDEP), underground burning was observed through fissures in the ground in the southern landfill lobe.

During a subsequent inspection by MADEQE personnel in August 1983, flames and smoke were no longer visible after heavy machinery covered the fissures with soil. Subsequent investigations by Tewksbury Health Inspectors and MADEQE documented piles of demolition debris and soil on areas of the property, in some cases adjacent to and/or encroaching upon on-site wetland areas.

The site was placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) in June 2001.

Cleanup

Cleaning up a Superfund site is a complex, multi-phase process, according to the EPA. It involves prelim-

inary assessment and site inspection, National Priorities List site listing process, remedial investigation and a feasibility study, records of decision, remedial design and remedial action, the completion of construction, and post-construction completion, followed by deletion from the National Priorities List and site reuse/redevelopment.

For the Tewksbury site, 10 milestones have been achieved since 1979. They include: completing an initial assessment on Oct. 1, 1979, proposing the site be added to the National Priorities List on July 27, 2000, adding it to said list on June 14, 2001, starting remedial investigation on Feb. 11, 2004, selecting the final remedy on Sept. 27, 2007, starting the final remedial action on June 19, 2013, completing construction on July 20, 2016, completing a Five-Year Review on May 21, 2019, and being ready for anticipated reuse site-wide on March 31, 2022.

(The site, however, has yet to be deleted from the National Priorities List.)

During cleanup, a site can be divided into a number of distinct areas depending on its complexity. These areas, called operable units (OUs), may address geographic areas, specific problems, or areas where a specific action is required. Examples of typical operable units include construction of a groundwater pump and treatment system or construction of a cap over a landfill.

On Oct. 24, 1989 and Feb. 11, 2004, the EPA performed an Administrative Order of Consent site-wide. On Oct. 18, 1989 and Oct. 10, 2001, the EPA performed a site-wide Unilateral Administrative Order. On Feb. 5, 2002, the EPA reformed removal and two months later they oversaw removal. On May 21, 2019, the EPA performed a Five-Year Review and expects to perform another later this spring or summer (sometime between May and July).

Encompassing the entire site, the EPA performed an Administrative Order of Consent on March 6, 2004, a Consent Decree on Nov. 9, 2010, oversaw combined remedial investigation and a feasibility study on Sept. 27, 2007, performed the proposed plan on June 27, 2007, performed the record of decision on Sept. 27, 2007, oversaw remedial design on June 19, 2013, oversaw remedial action on Sept. 26, 2016, and began oversight on long-term response action on Sept. 26, 2016.

Current status

Three short-term cleanups by the EPA in 2000 excavated and removed con-

taminated soils and deteriorated drums, protecting human health and the environment in the short term.

The EPA selected the site's long-term remedy in 2007. It included excavation of additional soils and sediments; consolidation of the material in the on-site landfills and landfill capping; groundwater collection and treatment, monitored natural attenuation for areas of groundwater contamination not captured by the extraction system, with a contingency to expand the area of active groundwater remediation, if necessary; institutional controls such as deed restrictions and/or local ordinances to prevent unacceptable exposures to wastes left in place and to restrict exposure to contaminated groundwater until cleanup levels are met; and long-term monitoring.

Construction of the remedy was substantially completed during 2014 and 2015. A final inspection of the remedy was conducted in 2016. Since the final inspection, contaminated groundwater has continued to be extracted from the site for treatment and the landfill cap and wetland restoration areas have undergone and will continue to undergo periodic inspection, monitoring and maintenance.

A Five-Year Review of the Sutton Brook remedy began in October 2018. Five-year reviews are conducted to ensure that the remedies put in place protect public health and the environment, and function as intended by site decision documents. The Sutton Brook five-year review was completed in May 2019.

Activity use and limitations

At this site, activity and use limitations that the EPA calls institutional controls are in place. Institutional controls play an important role in site remedies, according to the EPA, because they reduce exposure to contamination by limiting land or resource use. They also guide human behavior. For instance, zoning restrictions prevent land uses - such as residential uses - that are not consistent with the level of cleanup.

This site requires institutional controls because a decision document, such as a Record of Decision, has documented some level of contamination and/or remedy component at the site that would restrict use of the site. In order to determine the current status of ICs for this site, the site contacts should be consulted.

ICs are generally defined as administrative and legal tools that do not involve construction or physically changing the site. Common

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Movie Review: Wim Wenders' 'Perfect Days' is sublime



TOKYO DRIFT - Kôji Yakusho, left, and Arisa Nakano in a scene from "Perfect Days" from Neon Studios. filmed in boxy academy ratio, radiates with a similar spirit of minimalistic wisdom. It may sound like an art house enterprise but anyone could connect with Wenders' film. (Neon via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Wim Wenders' "Perfect Days" is set among the crowded skyscrapers of Tokyo and the quiet urban parks that Hirayama (Kôji Yakusho) traverses daily in his job cleaning public toilets. But where the movie resides, really, is Yakusho's face.

In this gently sublime film, Hirayama steps outside his humble apartment each morning and gazes up at the sky with a smile radiating gratitude. Hirayama says little throughout the course of Wenders' quiet, quotidian film. Little happens. Yet Yakusho's warm presence speaks volumes in a film where less can mean profoundly more.

Wenders, the 78-year-old German filmmaker, has long had a preference for troubled loners. Think of Harry Dean Stanton's dusty drifter in "Paris, Texas," or Bruno Ganz's terminally ill man in "The American Friend." But the Wenders' movie that "Perfect Days" most recalls is "Wings of Desire," where melancholy angels watched over Cold War-era Berlin and spoke of testifying "day by day for eternity." "Perfect Days" has no such supernatural element, but its gaze is likewise attuned to what's beautiful and meaningful in everyday living.

Each morning, Hirayama wakes, puts on his blue sanitation jump suit and neatly drapes a white towel around his neck. He drives his van from public toilet to public toilet, where he takes remarkable care in his work. He uses a small mirror to see the underside of a toilet bowl.

"How can you put so much into a job like this?" says Takashi (Tokio Emoto), Hirayama's younger, less scrupulous coworker.

Hirayama's days are rigorously routine but lively with variation. While driving through the elevated highways of Tokyo, he selects a cassette tape from a rack above the sun visor. Patti Smith, Lou Reed, the Kinks, the Animals or Nina Simone play as he rides. Usually, Hirayama, analog through and through, is driving against the traffic.

examples of ICs include site use and excavation restrictions put in place through state and local authorities like zoning, permits and easements.

ICs are normally used when waste is left onsite and when there is a limit to the activities that can safely take place at the site (i.e., the site cannot support unlimited use and unrestricted exposure) and/or when cleanup components of the remedy remains onsite (e.g., landfill caps, pumping equipment or pipelines). Effective ICs help ensure that these sites can be returned to safe and beneficial use.

To contact the EPA regarding Institutional Con-

trols and/or activity and use limitations, complete this form: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/forms/region-1-institutional-controls-information-form>.

(Note from the EPA: This information is being provided by the EPA as an informational tool to further assist the public in determining the types of restrictions that may be in place at National Priorities List sites being addressed by the EPA under the Superfund program. In addition to the areas addressed by the institutional controls identified there may be other areas on the property that require restrictions on use of the prop-

erty that are not captured in this EPA database. States and other entities may have implemented laws or restrictions applicable to this site. The information provided herein does not replace a title search or meet "All Appropriate Inquiry" requirements. U.S. EPA encourages users to review the Site files to obtain information regarding remedy components, containment systems and the land use for which cleanup standards were selected for these sites. More information and links can be found on the site profile page and the EPA regional offices may also be contacted.)



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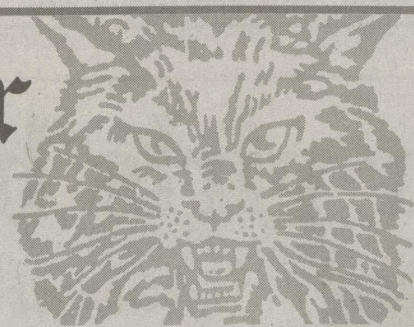
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Wrestlers getting ready for postseason events

Wildcats go 2-1 at recent quad meet

By **DOUG HASTINGS**
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The Wilmington High wrestling team battled hard down the stretch with the postseason tournaments on the horizon.

At a recent quad meet hosted by Excel Academy, WHS went 2-1 with victories over Excel and Acton-Boxborough/Bedford and a tight loss to Waltham.

Against Excel, a 65-15 win, the Wildcats had seven victories in contested matches.

Victories by fall came from Nicholas Corsetti at 126 pounds, Jacob Doherty at 132, Mason Kwiatkowski at 138, Ethan Laconte at 144, Adam Said at 157, Uriel Hernandez at 175 and Vasili Meimaris at 215.

A 33-30 win over A-B/Bedford saw big wins by fall for Wilmington from Corsetti, Doherty, Braedon Almas at 138 pounds, Clyde Lambert at 215 and Jonathan Panatta at heavyweight.

Said had a thrilling win by a 7-6 decision.

Wilmington lost to Waltham

by a 48-24 score.

In other recent action, the 'Cats lost a tight match with Canton, 34-28.

Wilmington winners included Lambert, Nick Iascone, Theodore Bryson, Hannah Bryson, Kwiatkowski and Braedon Almas.

In a 42-40 loss to Northeast Regional/Bishop Fenwick, Wildcats that won matches included Kwiatkowski, Almas, Julien Cella, Iascone, Said, Lambert and Joshua Jarbeau.

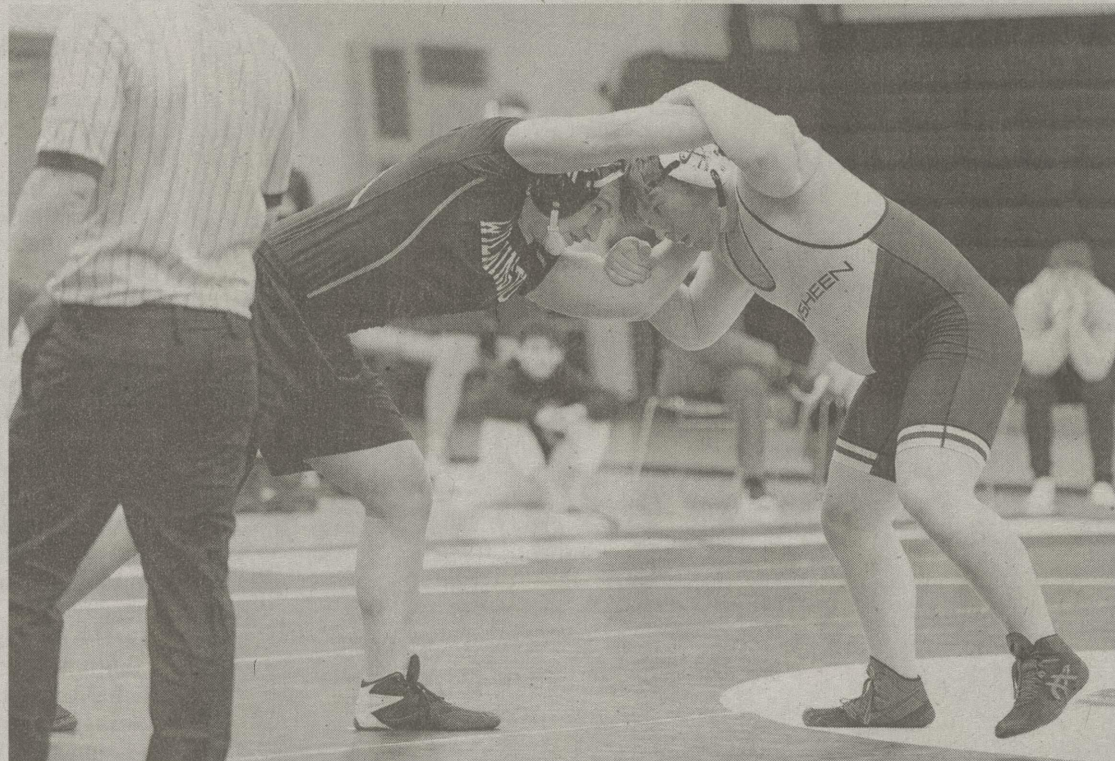
A 48-30 loss to Saugus saw victories from Wilmington's Cella, Said, Iascone, Hannah Bryson and Vasili Meimaris.

In a Middlesex League match with Arlington, the 'Cats lost 47-25 against a deep Spy Ponder lineup.

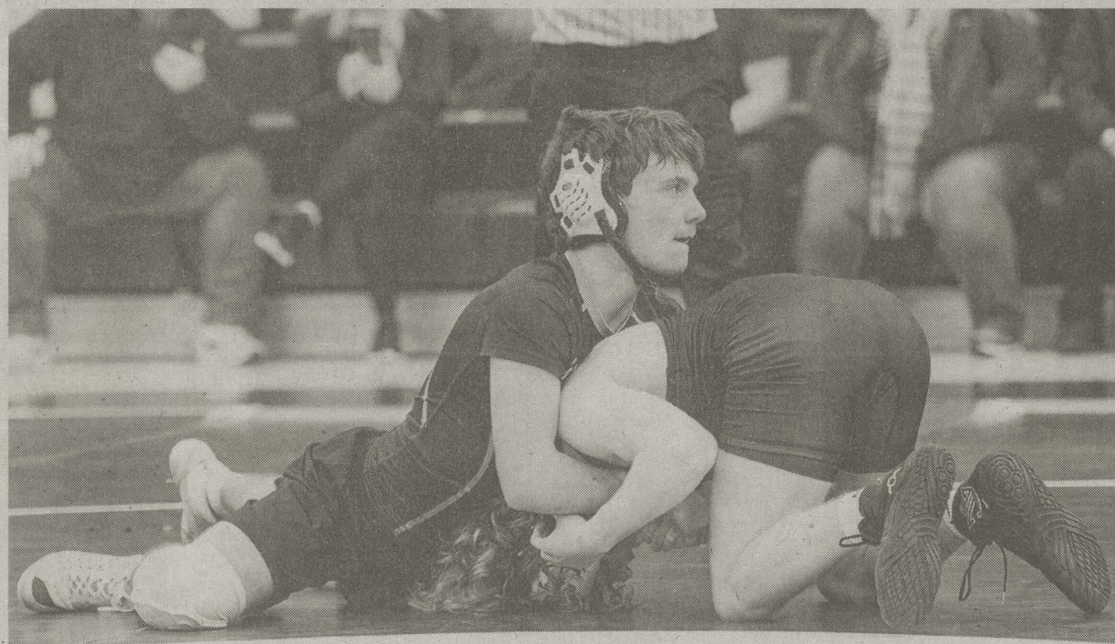
Wilmington winners were Said, Evan Woltag, Iascone, Cella, Almas and Kwiatkowski. Cella and Woltag won by fall while Said, Iascone, Almas and Kwiatkowski all grinded out decision victories.

The Wildcats also defeated Burlington and Martha's Vineyard in January matches.

Wilmington topped the Red Devils, 42-30.



▲ Wilmington's Clyde Lambert and Shawsheen Tech's Jared Molgard lockup and fight for position during their match at Wilmington High School. Clyde Lambert won the match by pin.



▲ Wilmington's Bradon Almas has a front wrist lock on Shawsheen Tech's Hadi Sabi. Hadi Sabi won the match 10-3.

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By **JASON COOKE**
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WILMINGTON — Despite a swarming one-three-one formation all game long by the Wilmington High boys basketball team, Stoneham hit 10 3-point shots on Tuesday on the way to a 61-49 win at Wilmington.

The loss came after a statement win over Wakefield, where the 'Cats held the Warriors to just 37 points. Stoneham came out of the gate firing, draining a trio of triples in the opening minutes to set the tone for what was to come. It's been a familiar theme for WHS coach Jon Amico all season.

"It's been a problem all year," said Amico of the slow start. "I'm not really sure why.

We're 13 games in, and 10 of them, we've started slow. I could blame it on the weird four o'clock Tuesday start, but we do it every game."

And just like that, Stoneham was off to a commanding 17-5 lead after the first quarter after swooshing five 3-pointers. On the other hand, Wilmington converted just one field goal in the eight minutes, a layup from the red-hot Ayden Balter. The powerful center led Wilmington with 18 points.

Stoneham cruised to half-time with a 12-point advantage, looking to run away with the Middlesex League matchup in the second half. Wilmington had other plans, not backing down en route to an 8-2 Wildcat run to conclude a third quarter where the team shot 55 percent from the field.

"We were getting better looks at the hoop," said Amico. "We were finishing, which helped. We couldn't finish in the first quarter. They just kept coming

Boys hoop almost catches Watertown



◀ Senior Christian Febbo lines up a jumper on Friday.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)



◀ Junior Ayden Balter takes a foul shot against Watertown.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

ed back. After a hard-nosed effort in the third, no fuel was left in the tank among Wilmington's starting five.

"We were probably just gassed," admitted Amico. "We were down (Michael) Lawler and Jake (Witalisz) tonight, so our subs were a little less than usual. Mikey (Oatis) was at the top of the one-three-one going back and forth all game, then we pressed, so he was still going back and forth all game. We ran out of gas a little bit there."

On Friday, Wilmington battled for four quarters before falling to Watertown, 64-60.

The Wildcats led 11-10 after the first quarter, trailed 31-23 at halftime

and still trailed by eight after three quarters (50-42) before storming back and cutting the lead to just two in the closing moments.

Down 56-42 and 58-45 early in the fourth quarter, Wilmington used a 15-4 burst to nearly win the game.

Senior Austin Harper's nice pass created a three-point play by Balter to start the comeback and a beautiful spin move by senior Ben Marvin led to a layup and made it 58-50.

Balter's inside hoop cut the lead to six with 3:10 to go.

Sophomore Ryan Gray's assist led to another Balter bucket and a 3-pointer by senior Tiago Gomez that would have cut the lead to one bounced in-and-out.

After a Watertown bas-

ket, Harper swished a 3-pointer to make it 60-57 with 55 seconds remaining. A pair of Raider free throws were followed by a Gomez 3-pointer to make it 62-60.

Watertown missed two foul shots with 12 seconds left, but huge sophomore center William Carty grabbed a critical offensive rebound and Raider Olivier Labossiere hit two from the line with six seconds on the clock to put the game out of reach.

While the fourth quarter rally was memorable for Wilmington, it wouldn't have been possible without a lights-out shooting performance in the third by senior Michael Oatis, who hit four 3-pointers.

Watertown led 46-31 with 4:14 left in the third when Oatis, who started the quarter with a 3-pointer, had one of the most memorable sequences in recent memory by knocking down 3-pointers on three straight trips down the floor.

In a matter of seconds, Watertown's 15-point lead was suddenly six (46-40).

Marvin's 12-foot jumper ended the quarter with the Wildcats down eight, setting up the dramatic final moments.

The 'Cats now stand at 3-11 following a 0-2 week, but it's not time to quit for Amico and his squad, especially for the 10 rostered seniors.

"It's still not over," said Amico. "It's going to be tough with the power rankings, but it's just laying it on the seniors. This is their last run together. Coach Tim (Kelly) was just talking about making sure nobody quits. It's a bad habit in life to quit on anything. We can't give up."

Gritty win for girls basketball

Contributions throughout lineup spark 46-39 victory

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Competitive games against good teams are one thing.

Wins like Friday at home against Watertown?

That's another.

Against a team that handled the Wildcats a couple of weeks ago, Wilmington used an outstanding second-half effort to knock off the Raiders, 46-39, in a big Middlesex League Freedom Division victory.

It was Wilmington's second win of the week after topping Stoneham on Tuesday.

In the Watertown win, Wilmington trailed 22-19 at halftime before outscoring Watertown by a 26-17 margin in the second half.

The 'Cats showed off their depth in the victory with contributions from throughout the lineup.

Wilmington was down 32-31 heading into the fourth quarter and 34-33 early in that final stanza before a 10-2 run put the Wildcats ahead to stay.

Junior captain Eva Boudreau sparked the rally with back-to-back baskets on determined drives to the hoop before a 3-pointer by sophomore Ali McElligott made it 40-34 with 5:03 to go.

A Boudreau foul shot pushed the lead to seven and after a Watertown basket, Boudreau's outstanding length-of-the-court inbounds pass to the speedy Jill Collins led to an easy layup for Collins and made it 43-36 with 2:39 remaining.

Watertown's Adrianna Williams hit a 3-pointer, but Wilmington had three big defensive stops to keep the Raiders from getting any closer.

Senior Shaylan Bresnahan defended two shots and forced Watertown misses before Collins made a hustle play to knock a ball away from a Watertown player under the Wilmington basket.

Bresnahan, sophomore Summer Sands and junior Alle Delgenio all added foul shots in the final minute.

A tight first quarter ended with WHS leading

13-10.

Boudreau's 3-pointer broke a 6-6 tie and Sands scored inside just before the buzzer.

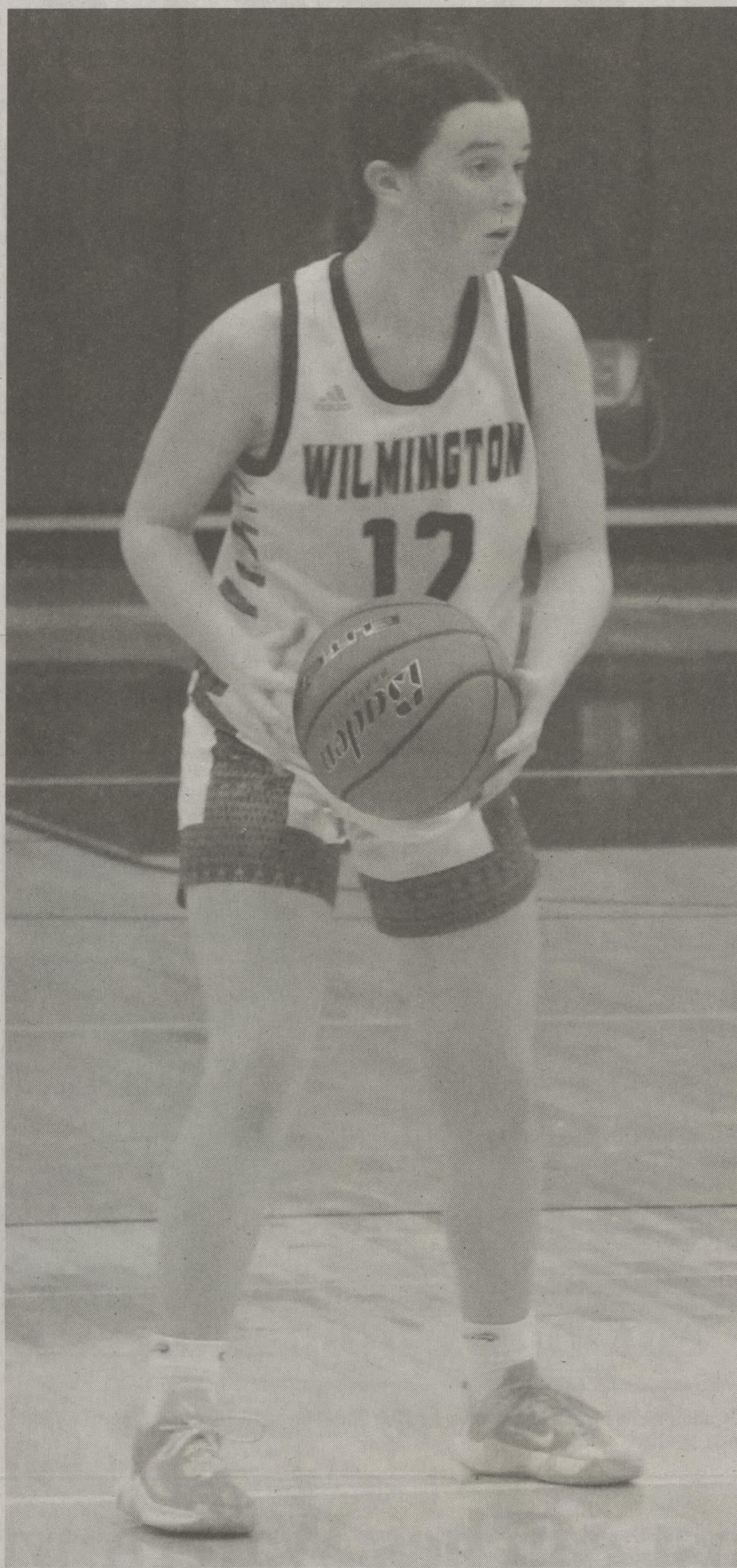
Three-point shots by Delgenio, with a nice assist to sophomore Eric McCarthy, and Sands gave the 'Cats a 19-16 lead in the second quarter before Watertown closed the first half with a six-point surge to lead at the break.

The Raiders started the second half with a basket to push their lead to five before Wilmington when on a 10-4 spurt to regain the lead, 29-28 with 2:12 left in the quarter.

Boudreau scored the first eight points of the rally all by herself with a pair of 3-pointers and a driving layup.

After two Watertown baskets, Delgenio hit a pair of free throws for Wilmington to keep things close and set up the exciting final eight minutes.

The 'Cats would outscore Watertown 14-7 in the fourth quarter with Collins guarding Watertown senior and top scorer Lily Lambo down the stretch.



▲ Erin McCarthy looks to make a pass during Friday's win.

► Alle Delgenio makes a move against Watertown. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



Girls hockey just misses

Wilmington/Stoneham team gives Burlington another scare

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With four regular season games remaining and the playoffs imminent, the Stoneham-Wilmington High girls hockey team is playing well enough to compete with any opponent, but inexplicably, has suffered a number of recent defeats in closely-contested games.

In Saturday's highly-anticipated rematch with Burlington, for instance, Stoneham-Wilmington skated through nearly flawless first and second periods and led 2-1.

But Burlington, currently the third-ranked program in Div. 2 hockey at 12-1-1, would not be denied, scor-

ing three unanswered late to claim a 4-2 win.

The Red Devils, skating shorthanded, turned the tables on their host eight-seconds into the third frame when Paige Brand won the center ice draw, sprinted unhindered to the net, and buried the game-tying goal. Discouraged, Stoneham-Wilmington was unable to shake off the let-down, allowing two more down the stretch.

"I can't imagine that it didn't deflate them," said Stoneham-Wilmington coach John LaPiana, who suffered a 2-1 defeat in the first meeting with Burlington. "I've never seen a shorthanded goal, at any level, that didn't deflate a team. It came down to one team making a mistake

and the other capitalizing on it. No one took ownership of the job at hand. Two girls, one after another, failed to challenge the puck carrier. You could almost feel the rink tip in Burlington's favor when that happened."

From the outset, Burlington held a decided territorial edge, outshooting SW by a 13-5 margin in the opening stanza and 17-7 in the second. But as Lapiana explained, he was pleased with the defensive posture and the performance of premier goaltender Maddie Sainato.

"Maddie did face a lot of shots tonight," the coach said, "but at least for the first two periods, we were able to limit the quality of those shots. Most came

from outside the dots, around the perimeter. We can handle those all day long."

First to strike, 13:39 into the game, was Stoneham-Wilmington's Lily MacKenzie, who recently achieved a significant milestone with 100 career points.

MacKenzie, off a feed from linemate Paige Fuller, beat Devils netminder Nicole Tsatsarones from the doorstep.

After a penalty-free first period, the officials buckled down in the second, whistling six infractions. At 9:26, with the teams skating 4-on-4 due to matching calls, the Red Devils knotted the contest at 1-1 when Meghan Gaffney fired through a screen.

Two minutes later, how-

ever, MacKenzie was back for more, burying a power play tally to recapture the lead. Fuller earned her second assist of the night, 11th of the season, on the go-ahead goal.

"Lily is a force out there," said Lapiana of his senior co-captain, who currently leads the team with 33-points (29 goals, 4 assists). "She's mature, focused, and has that unique ability to identify open spaces to move the puck. When she has a clean shot from the slot, like she did tonight, she seldom misses."

Burlington engineered a come-from-behind rally in the third frame, tying it on the Brand goal, moving in front on one from Julia Swarbrick with 4:42 left, and adding insurance from

Jordan Mathieson a minute later. Down a pair, LaPiana traded Sainato for an extra attacker but SW wasn't able to mount a threat.

"Character-wise, I'm proud of the girls," said Lapiana, who is currently 8-7-1 overall, third in the Middlesex Freedom League, and ranked 17th of the 41 MIAA Div. 2 teams. "Everyone is working hard, the effort is there, and we're competing. We just have to fix some of our mistakes."

Stoneham-Wilmington traveled to face 14-1-1 St. Mary's on Wednesday and will next host 1-11-1 Wakefield on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Boys hockey outslugged by Wakefield

Wildcats offense clicks, but Warriors rally for victory

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A season-high five goals wasn't enough for the Wilmington High boys hockey team to move into the win column on Saturday night.

The Wildcats snapped a three-game scoreless streak in style, as four different scorers lit the lamp. However, it didn't come without its miscues; Wakefield exploded for

four goals in the third, taking advantage of poor defensive zone play from Wilmington.

When one aspect of their game improved, another aspect took a hit.

"In our own zone we were terrible," said WHS coach Steve Scanlon. "Coverage-wise, not physical. Some of the penalties were costly penalties, so it ended up being a shootout. I saw that as a winnable game."

For the first two periods

of action, it was anyone's hockey game — with shots on goal knotted at 19 with a 4-4 game headed into the final frame, Wilmington was looking to piece together its first win in four games. Wakefield had other plans, escaping with an 8-5 victory.

The Wildcats came out firing in the first, scoring two quick goals to jump out to an early 2-0 lead. Jake Tucker got Wilmington on the board with his

first career varsity goal.

Ryan Weinstein also scored his first varsity tally later in the game.

"They were getting pucks to the net," said Scanlon. "It's been something we've been talking about, is getting goals from other places. So that was certainly good to see."

The final minutes of the first is where Wilmington's mistakes proved costly. The 'Cats committed a penalty, where Wakefield

scored on the resulting power play to cut the deficit to one before the first intermission.

It was back and forth from there. Wilmington scored two goals in the frame, each of which triggered a Wakefield response. Daniel Langunilla (two goals) and Adam Ebert rounded out Wilmington's scoring. Just like that, the score was deadlocked, and the stage was set for a deciding third

period. Wakefield won the period 4-1, leading to the 8-5 victory.

"We got to play better, more complete games," said Scanlon.

The Wildcats will look to return to their winning ways with Stoneham (Wednesday), Watertown (Saturday), and Billerica (Monday). The 'Cats eye four remaining league opponents on the schedule in what should be a competitive finish to the season.



▲ The Shawsheen wrestling team recently completed a 26-0 dual meet season.

(Courtesy photo)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Ram wrestlers complete first-ever undefeated season

Historic season ends with Shawsheen at 26-0

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The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team went 5-0 last Saturday, taking home the team title at the Travis Yell Memorial at Whittier Tech in Haverhill.

With the clean sweep, Shawsheen finished the regular season with a 26-0 record, the first undefeated season in school history for the Ram program.

Shawsheen beat BC High (66-18), Pentucket Regional (64-9), Lowell (59-13), Brookline (64-12) and Bristol Aggie (54-15).

The Rams ended the regular season with a Commonwealth Athletic Conference title, a state vocational championship and tournament victories at the Blue Devil Classic in Salem, N.H., the Sons of Italy tournament in Wilmington and the Sanford Invitational in Maine.

The Rams also were third at the prestigious Bossi Holiday Tournament in Lowell.

BOYS HOCKEY

The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team improved to 13-1 overall with recent wins over Northeast Re-

gional and Lowell Catholic.

A 3-2 win over Lowell Catholic on Saturday locked up the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship for the Rams, who went undefeated in league play.

Sophomore Jacoby Patterson of Billerica had the game winner for the Rams while other Shawsheen goals were scored by senior Chase Darcey of Billerica and junior Larry Cullity of Billerica.

Cullity and Darcey each finished with a goal and an assist while other assists went to senior Kyle Gray of Wilmington, sophomore Jake Banda of Wilmington and sophomore Justin Thibert of Wilmington.

Senior goalie Mike Cedrone of Billerica made 21 saves in the win.

In an 8-1 win against Northeast, Darcey scored his 100th career point as the Rams cruised.

Five players had three points each in the triumph. Darcey had a goal and two assists, junior Zack Timmons of Wilmington had two goals and an assist, Thibert had two goals and an assist, Patterson had a goal and two assists and junior Dylan Higson of Bedford added three assists.

Other goals for Shawsheen came from senior Roland Spengler of Tewksbury and junior Cam Splaine of Wilmington.

The Rams finish the CAC season on Thursday with a home game against Minuteman Tech in Billerica before four non-league games against Bishop Fenwick, Marblehead, Haverhill and Methuen.

BOYS HOOP

With a double-overtime win over Greater Lowell at home on Monday, the Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team upped its record to 10-5 overall.

The Rams had a busy week that saw them play four games.

The week started with a 41-36 loss to Bedford, continued with a 75-45 win against Bristol Plymouth before a 61-44 defeat at the hands of Lynn Tech.

On Monday, Shawsheen won 56-55 in double OT.

The Rams visited Lowell Catholic on Tuesday and Greater Lawrence on Friday before home games the following week against Whittier Tech and Dracut.

On Feb. 20, Shawsheen finishes the regular season with a visit to Bristol Plymouth.



COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:

- Zachary Rogers plays tight defense in Monday's win. (James Thomas Photography)
- Ryan Copson drives to the basket against Greater Lowell. (James Thomas Photography)
- Matt Breen drives past a Greater Lowell player. (James Thomas Photography)
- Chase Darcey recently passed the 100-point mark for his career with Shawsheen hockey. (Courtesy photo)
- Zack Timmons had two goals in a recent win over Northeast. (Courtesy photo)





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